

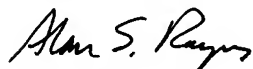
Remarks

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2005. The Examiner indicated that the application was in condition for allowance except for some formal matters. Applicant has addressed the formal matters as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 2, 11, and 15 have been amended, and claims 16-29 canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-15 are currently pending.

Applicant has amended claims 2 and 15 and also amended the title and specification as suggested by the Examiner. Claim 11 was also amended to insert the word "the". Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments do not narrow the scope of the claims. Applicant further notes that the Office Action indicates that claims 1-20 were pending and that claims 16-20 were withdrawn from consideration. However, the application was filed with 29 claims (as indicated, for example, in the Election/Restriction Requirement dated 10/28/04), with claims 16-29 being non-elected claims. Applicant has canceled non-elected claims 16-29 without prejudice to further prosecute these claims in another application.

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. If, for any reason, the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to discuss the steps necessary to place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



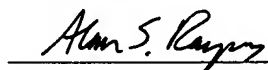
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